

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
Sadao MIZUNO et al. : TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
Serial No. NEW : FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
Filed October 29, 2003 : ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975  
: **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
: Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1573

CONVERGING ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD,  
AND APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
OPTICALLY RECORDING AND REPRODUCING  
INFORMATION

**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/700,343,  
Filed November 14, 2000)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly  
amend the application as follows:**